



**AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (AFOSI)**

**1. MISSION.** The Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) is a field operating agency under the direction and guidance of the Air Force Inspector General (SAF/IG). It performs as a federal law enforcement agency with responsibility for conducting criminal investigations, counterintelligence activities, and specialized investigative and force protection support for the Air Force.

**2. COMMAND.** The AFOSI Commander:

2.1. Reports to SAF/IG.

2.2. Exercises command authority over all assigned personnel, facilities, property and funds, and is delegated the independent authority to initiate criminal investigations according to Public Law 99-145, and to conduct counterintelligence activities according to Executive Order 12333.

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

3.1. Organizes, trains and equips AFOSI field units.

3.2. Investigates crimes against people and personal and US Government property.

3.3. Conducts offensive counterintelligence operations against foreign intelligence services.

3.4. Investigates intrusions of computer systems and supports the Air Force information warfare mission.

3.5. Supports the DoD Counterdrug Strategy by detecting, interdicting, suppressing and monitoring the flow of illegal drugs into the United States via Air Force channels.

3.6. Provides personal protective services for senior US, DoD, Air Force and allied officials.

3.7. Provides counterintelligence, force protection and antiterrorism services.

3.8. Provides specialized security policy and management support for special access programs.

3.9. Provides specialized investigative support in such areas as the forensic and behavioral sciences and hypnosis.

3.10. Executes the US Air Force Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM) program.

3.11. Functions as the Air Force office of primary responsibility for Forensic Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (polygraph) examinations.

3.12. Operates the US Air Force Special Investigations Academy.

3.13. Conducts personnel security investigations in overseas areas for the Defense Investigative Service.

3.14. Maintains liaison and is the Air Force single point of contact with federal, state, local and foreign nation law enforcement, counterintelligence and security agencies for matters falling within the AFOSI mission.

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## GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND ACRONYMS

### ***References***

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AFPD 71-1, *Criminal Investigations and Counterintelligence*

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### ***Abbreviations and Acronyms***

**AFI**—Air Force Instruction

**AFOSI**—Air Force Office of Special Investigations

**AFPD**—Air Force Policy Directive

**TSCM**—Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Program